



# Perspectives Newsletter

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*A not-for-profit art league serving the needs of the Greater Brandon Area art community for over 55 years.*

**FREE**

for first time  
visitors & BLFA  
members\*

## The Brandon League of Fine Art's May Hands-on Workshop

### Textured Backgrounds

with Barbara Tudek

**Monday, May 16 • 6:30 p.m. • Center Place**

**RSVP Strongly Suggested**



Last month we had another successfully hosted hands-on workshop. May's workshop will feature Barbara Tudek demonstrating various ways to create a textured background for your artwork. There will be two small hands-on projects to create and prepare your own textured background for paint with watercolor.

While backgrounds are drying Barbara will be discussing various techniques that she uses in her artwork; the use of tissue paper and Halloween spider web. We have had very positive reviews on April's meeting and many have already responded to this class. **It is very important to RSVP if you plan to attend so Barbara can be prepared with supplies. We are expecting a full class.**

**RSVP to Chris Klein @ [ChristopherLeoK@verizon.net](mailto:ChristopherLeoK@verizon.net), cell: (516) 220-8246**

\*If you are not a first-time attendee to the workshops and have not yet joined the BLFA, the fee for the workshop is \$10. You can pay the \$35 annual BLFA membership dues at the workshop.





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#### COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

**Artworks Show:**  
**Christmas Party:**  
Doreen Donovan

#### MONTHLY MEETINGS

**Refreshments:** Karen Koseck  
**Reception Refreshments:** OPEN  
**Fundraising/Artfest:**  
Doreen Donovan

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Deborah Biasetti, Barbara Tudek

**Members Show:** Doreen  
Donvan, Roxanne Tobiason

**Membership:** Barbara Tudek,  
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**Monthly Programs:** OPEN

**Newsletter:** Beth Smedley

**Paint-It & Take-It:** on hold

**Paint Out, Field Trips:** OPEN

**Photography:** Barbara Tudek

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**Meetup:** Barbara Tudek,  
Karen Koseck, Beth Smedley

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Our General Meeting is Monday May 16.** It will start at 6:30 p.m.

Our **Workshop Meeting Format** is working well. If anyone has an idea for a fine art workshop, please let us know what you are thinking.

Our **Workshop in April** was a **Workshop in Alcohol Inks with Betty Fairbanks**. We learned a lot about alcohol inks and the processes of employing them for producing art. Betty provided the materials we used and gave us a respect for its use and its conservation so that we would not waste the materials. I learned a lot about the manipulation of the inks with alcohol. I like the tile I painted, and it gave me ideas on the creative use of other media. But, of course, I am tempted to invest in the alcohol inks. I normally succumb to such temptations.

Our **Demonstration in May** will be a **Free Workshop where Barbara Tudek** will be demonstrating various way to create a **textured background** for your artwork. Barbara has a creative approach to all her media usage. I am excited to see what she will show us. Her work speaks for itself. She is a sensitive soul and a brilliant artist. We will not be disappointed.

When you attend the Meeting, you will see our wonderful **2022 Brandon League of Fine Arts Members Show**. The work is as high quality as we have come to expect of our members. We have an eclectic group of works that brings the viewer pleasure and a deeper appreciation of the Artist's clarity of vision and depth of intellect involved in our expression.

The **Artist's Reception** for our 2022 BLFA Member's Show is **Thursday, May 12 from 5:30 - 7 pm**. The winners will be awarded at 6 pm. Please come and bring a finger food to share. It is an hour and a half in which we can view each other's work and catch up with each other. I never fail to enjoy myself with you all. I like hearing you describe your process of working and hear your thoughts on Art and Life.

The **pick-up of the works** entered will be **Tuesday, May 31, 9:30 to noon**. Please plan for your work to be picked up ahead of time so that there will be no confusion.

I attended another **Artist's Night at Center Place**. I had another nice time with the Artists and Poets. I would like to see a few more of our Artists in the mix. It is a chance for us to shine the light of our experience. Come to one and see if you would like to join in on the Artmaking and maybe sell a piece or two. It is held the first Friday of each month, 7-9 pm. Contact Libby at Center Place at (813) 685-8888 for more information.

We will have more information on the availability of hanging our work at Bay Area Cardiology. There was a sale of a work of one of our members.

If anyone is looking for a position on our Board or in one of our committees, we are always thankful for the application of your talents to our League. It is rewarding work from my personal experience. It also connects us as a Society of Artists.

We will not be meeting in June or July for Summer break. The next BLFA member meeting will be Monday, August 15.

The next **Board Meeting will be May 23**, at Creative Junk Therapy, 772 W. Lumsden Road, Brandon. We get a lot done with a minimum of effort because we are all motivated to increase the efficacy of our organization. All Chair people are asked to attend as their votes count on issues. All Members are invited and welcomed.

I have not stopped praying for the good health and great success of you all.

Christopher Klein  
2022 BLFA President





## Brandon League of Fine Arts Member Show

April 29 - May 30, 2022

Center Place, 619 Vonderburg Drive, Brandon

Winners will be announced at the Reception.

The show is outstanding. See it before May 30.

**Reception: Thursday, May 12, 5 - 7 p.m.**

Please bring a snack to the reception to share with our guests

**Pick-up Day: Tuesday, May 31, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

### Member News

#### From our Treasurer, John Tudek

Need a few more volunteers to help revive the BLFA.

The by-laws are seriously outdated and need to be revised for the common good of all the members. They need to enable the whole congregation and not just a few.

Looking for volunteers to help me Bonnie Philips, Karen Koseck and Barbara Tudek in this task.

Email me at [johntudek@gmail.com](mailto:johntudek@gmail.com) if you want to help the League, and yourself in this task.

#### From Member, Katherine Howard

I'm very honored and excited to have the wonderful opportunity to hang my artwork at Stage Works Theater in Tampa for the run of their show Putnam County Spelling Bee- a musical comedy.

It opens on June 3 and runs for three consecutive weekends ending on June 19.

My artwork will be on display (and for sale) in the lobby during the run of the show.

The Friday shows are in the evening at 8:00. Saturday and Sunday shows are matinees beginning at 3:00.

Tickets cost between \$15 -\$40.

It's a smallish blackbox theater so I would imagine most of the seats would be great.

It is also a professional theater so I'm sure the show will be great.

It is inside one of those newish buildings in the Channelside District. You turn into the parking structure next to Crunch Fitness on the left. Park anywhere on the first two floors and take Elevator A. (if you take the wrong elevator, you'll end up in the CVS drug store!)

Head to the 1st floor. As you step off the elevator, turn left and you'll see the entrance to the theatre.



Great BLFA commraderie during alcohol ink workshop.

## BAY AREA CARDIOLOGY

BRANDON

635 Eichenfeld Dr. – Brandon, FL 33511  
(813) 684-6000

RIVERVIEW

13029 Summerfield Square Dr. – Riverview, FL 33578  
(813) 443-0880

TGH – HEALTHPLEX

10740 Palm River Road – Tampa, FL 33619  
(813) 684-6000

See Member art  
hanging in the  
waiting area.

### Member Classes at Center Place

Doreen Donovan is back at Center Place for TWO fun filled summer **Jump Start To Art Programs!** Register NOW because both classes are capped at 12 students each!

Meletha Everett teaches **adult watercolor** on Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - noon.

Chris Klein teaches **adult oil painting** on Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - noon AND **Surreal Experience** Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m.

Call Center Place at 813-685-8888 to register!



**Paint Along With Bonnie**  
Art Instruction  
Tue. 6 PM & Wed. 10 AM  
All Mediums  
Fine Art and Decorative  
813-685-5882  
iteachpainting@me.com  
1313 Borden Ct.  
Valrico, Florida 33594-4913

### Member Classes at Creative Junk Therapy



**Beginner Watercolors**  
\$20 person  
+ \$5 Supplies Included  
Bring snacks and drink

Sat., May 14, 1-4 pm  
Sat., June 4, 1-2

Learn the fundamentals of watercolors and how to blend colors to create a unique palette.



**Mixed Media Painting**  
\$35 - All Supplies Included  
Join Barb Tudek to enhance your artistic skills and create a beautiful unique mixed media painting.  
Instructed by Barbara Tudek

Wed., May 18, 1-4 p.m.  
Sat., May 21, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Wed., June 15 1-4 p.m.  
Sat., June 18, 10:30 – 1:30 pm

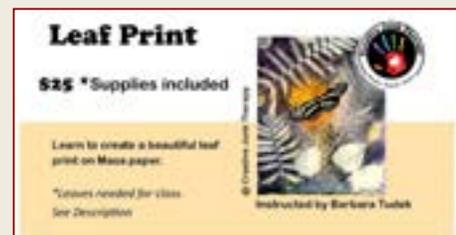
Join Barb Tudek in learning how to create unique artwork with a variety of mediums and materials.



**Watercolor Workshop: Intermediate**  
2nd Saturday of every month  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
\$25 supplies not included

Sat., May 28, 11-2 pm  
Sat., June 11, 11-2

Join Roxanne Tobaison for this intermediate watercolor workshop. Very popular class - suggest registering early to save your seat!



**Leaf Print**  
\$25 \*Supplies included  
Learn to create a beautiful leaf print on Mass paper.  
\*Colors Available for class  
See Description  
Instructed by Barbara Tudek

Fri., May 27, 1-4 pm.



**CREATIVE  
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772 W Lumsden Rd. in Brandon  
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Karen is always looking for new instructors.  
Contact her for more information.